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COMMENTS AND ACTIVITY

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REAIR, E/C COUNSELOR DELIVERED USG
COMMENTS ON UNCTAD DOCUMENT ON ROLE OF PATENT SYSTEM IN
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO LDC'S MARCH 27 TO MR. BENJAMIN W.
PRAH, REGISTRAR-GENERAL. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED DOCUMENT,
WOULD GIVE TO ONE OF HIS STAFF MEMBERS ATTENDING UNCTAD/SIDA
SEMINAR AT NAIROBI BEGINNING APRIL 1, AND THEN WOULD STUDY
IN DEPTH HIMSELF.

2. PRAH APPEARED VERY FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT, AND APPARENTLY
SYMPATHETIC USG VIEW. HE WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF PATEL
OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, WHOM HE BELIEVES FORCED THROUGH UNCTAD
DOCUMENT. HE SAID PATEL LECTURING ON SUBJECT AT NAIROBI
MEETING, EVIDENTLY TO PRAH'S DISPLEASURE.

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3. PRAH SAID UNCTAD APPEARS TO BE OBSTRUCTING OTHER

UN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (E.G., UNIDO AND WIPO). HE SAID "WE OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES" HOPE TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICES WITH OBJECT OF MODERNIZING AND HARMONIZING AFRICAN LAWS ON THIS SUBJECT. PRAH IS CHAIRMAN OF PREPARATORY GROUP. WHILE THERE IS CURRENTLY A COORDINATION (OR COMPETITION?) PROBLEM BETWEEN ECA AND WIPO, HE HOPES TO CONVENE A NEW MEETING IN NAIROBI BY SEPTEMBER. HE NOTED SIMILAR, PARALLEL EFFORTS BY COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT. HANSON

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